Remittance Advice Message

For April 2008

Mental Health Services Code Conversion

Dear South Dakota Medical Assistance Provider: "Important Message - Please Read"

Due to a recent code conversion, to meet Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) national compliance standards, South Dakota Medical Assistance will no longer accept the local code W3200 for a diagnostic assessment.

Providers will now have to bill code 90899 for this service. Code 90899 is programmed for a diagnostic assessment, therapeutic contacts with the recipient, family, and significant others to the extent necessary to complete an accurate psychological evaluation and diagnosis, limited to no more than 4 hours in each 12-month period for each recipient unless there is at least a break of 12 months in providing mental health services; unit is 30 minutes or less.

These are the same limits that were previously applied to the code W3200.

If you have questions, please call the Telephone Service Unit at 1-800-452-7691. Out of state providers may call 605-773-3495 and ask for the service unit.

For more information please visit the Department of Social Services web site at http://dss.sd.gov/

Thank you,
Division of Medical Services